

# Letters TO THE EDITOR

## Broken promises

To the Editor:

The following letter has been sent to Mr. F. X. Biglin, Senior Assistant Postmaster General, United States Postal Service, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biglin:

During his tenure as Postmaster in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, Gerald P. Barrett went on record, on January 6, 1983, during the Town Meeting sponsored by the Carbondale Historical Society, as saying that when the Carbondale Post Office was moved from its facility at the southwest corner of North Main Street and Lincoln Avenue to its new facility at 50 Dundaff Street that a substation of the United States Postal Service would be established somewhere on Carbondale's Main Street.

On November 28, 1983, the United States Postal Service moved from its old building (75 North Main Street) into its new building (50 Dundaff Street). On November 29, 1983, I wrote to Mr. Joseph Zapotok, Officer in Charge, United States Postal Service, Carbondale, and asked where the promised Main Street substation would be located and when it would be opened to the general public.

On December 1, 1983, Mr. Zapotok wrote me a letter in which he stated that "Mr. Barrett was not acting within the scope of his authority when he indicated at this town meeting, that he would establish a substation on Main Street after the new facility was operational."

Mr. Zapotok further stated: "Neither he (Gerald Barrett) nor I possess such authority."

Sincerely,  
S. Robert Powell,  
President, Carbondale Historical Society

Many Thanks,  
Al and Ann McGowan

# Do you remember when . . .

This is an outrage. What about the promise?

Mr. Barrett, during his tenure as Postmaster in Carbondale, promised the citizens of Carbondale during the January 6, 1983 Town Meeting that was sponsored by the Carbondale Historical Society (tape recordings of that meeting are available), that when the United States Postal Service moved from 75 North Main St. to 50 Dundaff Street that a substation of the United States Postal Service would be established on Carbondale's Main Street. The United States Postal Service must, in good faith, keep that promise.

The city of Carbondale needs a substation of the United States Postal Service on Main Street. The new facility of the United States Postal Service in Carbondale is located at 50 Dundaff Street that a substation of the United States Postal Service would be established somewhere on Carbondale's Main Street.

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Thanks, friends!

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly thank the citizens of Carbondale for the dedication shown in helping the residents of Terrace Street, Tuesday, December 13.

Our area was flooded and the firemen worked all night pumping water from our cellars. They handled this difficult chore in an efficient, professional manner, therefore saving our homes from what could have been a costly, unpleasant experience.

Many Thanks,  
Al and Ann McGowan



## Keeping in touch

By James Laurie  
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with one and all

## "GREETINGS" at Christmastime

On behalf of all former Carbondaleans all over the world, we wish all Carbondaleans a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of the new years. May this day and every day be blessed by God above with sincere respect and love. Even though we are miles away, we truly care for we were you, yesterday. How truly proud we are of our home town, because throughout the years each one of you have contributed with love, respect and concern to our town, to our pride. We were far away, but we were there, in our prayers in our hearts, in our concern. We were thanks go to all Carbondaleans, your spiritual leaders, your educational leaders, your merchants, your civic organizations, your medical services, your fire and police departments and your public officials. To all Carbondaleans, our many thanks for making and keeping Carbondale, the best hometown around. We share, indirectly, your problems, your successes and we are most grateful for the memories of yesterday and the belonging of you to Carbondale. Today, we thank you with all of you, this Christmas Day, this New Year, from we of yesterday, to a town, to people so near and dear, our love, and respect, our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and the happiest New Year.

Jim Laurie

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The gymnasium of the Carbondale



THIS PHOTO OF THE CLASS OF 1944 Benjamin Franklin High School was provided to the NEWS by Teresa Croley, 116 Old Orchard Road. She mentioned that the class didn't get a yearbook and that some of the classmates were not even in the photo because of the war. The NEWS thanks Mrs. Croley for sharing her photo with us.

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